

June 7th Annual National Trails Day **(Active trail building/maintenance activities)**

Exotic Species Education and Control at House Mountain State Natural Area

Location: House Mountain State Natural Area

Date: Saturday, June 7

Time: 9:00 a.m. EDT

Leader: Lisa Huff, Tennessee Division of Natural Areas, Natural Areas Program

Sponsors: Tennessee Division of Natural Areas, Natural Areas Program

Reservations Required: RSVP to Lisa Huff by June 5 at (865) 594-5601 or E-mail at Lisa.Huff@state.tn.us.

Description: Come learn the proper techniques for identifying and controlling exotic invasive plants (like the ones that may invade your property), while also helping take care of one of Knox County's most popular recreation areas. We'll hike up the Mountain Trail and then toward the West Overlook, stopping along the way to identify and kill exotic species that were initially treated last year. All tools will be provided, but volunteers must wear long pants and bring work gloves. Also bring plenty of water to drink and a lunch and snacks as necessary. We'll be working in the open and under the forest canopy, so you may also want to wear a hat. We'll work from about 10 a.m. until about 2:00 p.m. with a long break for lunch and rest breaks. You must reserve a space for this activity and provide a contact in case we need to cancel the activity. For more information, including descriptions, directions, and maps, about this as well as any other State Natural Area, visit the Division of Natural Areas web site at: www.tdec.net/na.

Trail Maintenance at Short Springs State Natural Area

Location: Short Springs State Natural Area

Date: Saturday, June 7

Time: 10:00 a.m. CDT

Leader: Forrest Evans, Tennessee Division of Natural Areas

Sponsors: Tennessee Division of Natural Areas, Natural Areas Program

Reservations Required: RSVP to Forrest Evans by June 5 at (615) 532-0431 or E-mail at forrest.evans@state.tn.us

Description: Come out and learn the proper techniques for building and maintaining trails while also helping take care of one of Tullahoma's most popular recreation areas. We'll work on sections of the Adams Falls Trail to repair and widen trail tread, fix switchbacks, nailing up boundary markers and trail blazes, and many other jobs. All tools will be provided, but volunteers must wear long pants and bring work gloves. Also bring plenty of water to drink and a lunch and snacks as necessary. We'll be working under the forest canopy, so it won't be directly sunny where we are. We'll work from about 10 a.m. until about 2:00 p.m. with a long break for lunch and rest breaks. You must reserve a space for this activity and provide a contact in case we need to cancel the activity. For more information, including descriptions, directions, and maps, about

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Trail Maintenance and Repairs at Lucius Burch Jr. State Natural Area

Location: Lucius Burch Jr. State Natural Area, Shelby Farms Park, Shelby County

Date: Saturday, June 7th

Time: 8:00 a.m. CDT

Leader: Allan J. Trently, West Tennessee Stewardship Ecologist – Natural Areas Program

Sponsors: Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation-Natural Areas Division

Reservations Required: RSVP to Contact Allan Trently by June 5th at (731) 512-1369 or allan.trently@state.tn.us

Description: This summer, the Tennessee Natural Areas Division will be hosting a trail repair and maintenance day at Lucius Burch Jr. State Natural Area in Shelby County, Tennessee. The Blue Trail at Lucius Burch Jr. State Natural Area has numerous places that are in serious need of repairs. Some of these repairs include re-routes around two wet areas, privet removal from trail, building steps and short boardwalks, and the placement of signs at trailheads. Volunteers will be limited to 20 people, and should bring work gloves, wear long pants and sturdy footwear, and bring water and food. We will work from 8 a.m. until about 12 p.m. For more information about Lucius Burch State Natural Area, see: <http://www.tdec.net/na/natareas/lucius/>

Volunteers will be assisting DNH and Shelby Farm Park staff. Trail hiking will be flat and will be 2 to 3 miles round trip. Bring plenty of water and lunch. Work will be cancelled in the event of inclement weather. Please register to assist with coordination efforts.